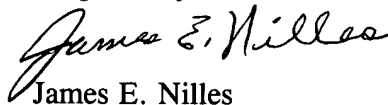


It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any extension or additional fees associated with this or any other communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1080.

Respectfully submitted,



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